MINUTES BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS AND PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCIES HEARINGS/MEETING THURSDAY OCTOBER 26, 2017 9:30 A.M. TATNALL BUILDING 150 MARTIN L. KING, JR. BOULEVARD SOUTH ROOM 112 DOVER, DE

I. Call to Order

Lt. Col. Hudson called the meeting to order at 0944 hours and subsequently turned the meeting over to Ms. Anderson. The meeting is recorded and the Professional Licensing Section will maintain the records.

Introductions were not necessary at this meeting.

The following members of the Board of Examiners were in attendance:

Lieutenant Colonel Monroe B. Hudson, Jr. Director Robert J. Irwin Mrs. Sandra C. Taylor Mr. Mark W. Rainford in @ 0950 Mr. Wayne A. Keller

The following members of the Board of Examiners were absent:

Ms. Kelly R. Jansen Mr. Harvey A. Woods, III Vacant Public Member Vacant Security Services Contractor Member

The following staff members were in attendance:

Stacey Cohee, Esquire – Deputy Attorney General Lieutenant Kerry B. Reinbold – Professional Licensing Ms. Peggy L. Anderson – Professional Licensing Mrs. Megan C. Bingham – Professional Licensing Ms. Courtney F. Rutkowski – Professional Licensing

The following staff members were absent:

Captain S. Benjamin Parsons – State Bureau of Identification Sergeant Brian L. Pixley – Professional Licensing Ms. Rebekah C. Kovitz – Professional Licensing Mr. Michael Terranova – DTCC Representative

The following individuals were also in attendance:

Ms. Carrie Martin out @ 1009 Mr. Timothy Peters out @ 1012

Since quorum has not been met at this time, the meeting will proceed with all items that are FYI to the Board and then go back on the agenda to those items that need to be voted upon, when Mr. Rainford arrives.

- III. Appeal Hearings & Other Actions
 - C. Updates from Previous Decisions
 - 1. Justine N. Nyakundi

Ms. Anderson presented the information on Ms. Nyakundi, from a previous meeting, as follows:

- o 07/28/16 Notified Board of pending charges
- 09/12/16 PBJ Issued
- \circ 09/12/17 PBJ Dismissed

Ms. Nyakundi has been administratively reinstated. No vote necessary – FYI only.

IV. Licensures

- A. Class A Private Investigative Agency *Renewals FYI*
 - 1. Discreet Investigations
 - 2. Executive Investigation Bureau Inc.
 - 3. Independent Research Group, Inc.
 - 4. Litigation Solutions LLC
 - 5. Photo Fax, Inc.
 - 6. Pyramid Investigation, LLC
 - 7. Rimkus Consulting Group, Inc.
 - 8. The Jones Group of Delaware, LLC
 - 9. True Blue Detective Agency
 - 10. Veracity Research Co.

Ms. Anderson presented A.1-10 as informational purposes only for renewals with no changes. No vote necessary.

- D. Class A Private Investigative Agency *Resignations/Non-Renewals FYI*
 - 1. Richard M. Blitz P.I.
 - 2. Universal Security Services LLC

Ms. Anderson presented D.1-2 as informational purposes only for resignations/non-renewals. No vote necessary.

- E. Class A Private Investigative Agency *Old Business*
 - 1. IR-6 Investigations & Research, LLC

Ms. Anderson informed the Board that F.1 did renew their Class A License by 07/31/17 and is presented as a resignation/non-renewal for informational purposes only. No vote necessary

- F. Class B Private Security Agency *Renewals FYI*
 - 1. Security Guards, Inc.

Ms. Anderson presented F.1 as informational purposes only for renewals with no changes. No vote necessary.

- H. Class B Private Security Agency *Issues*
 - 1. Harvard Protection Services, LLC

Ms. Anderson informed the Board that H.1 has not submitted their renewal application for the Class B License. They have until October 31, 2017 for submission to renew.

- I. Class C Private Investigative & Private Security Agency *Renewals FYI*
 - 1. SOS Security LLC

Ms. Anderson presented I.1 as informational purposes only for renewals with no changes. No vote necessary.

- J. Class C Private Investigative & Private Security Agency *Issues*
 - 1. Tactical American Security Consulting, LLC

Ms. Anderson informed the Board that J.1 has not submitted their renewal application for the Class C License. They have until October 31, 2017 for submission to renew.

VI. Instructors

- A. Approved
 - 1. Handgun
 - a. Shawn Rau
- B. Resignations/Terminations
 - 1. Handgun
 - a. Eddie Cathell
 - b. Christopher Ecklund
 - c. Scott Taylor
 - d. Artie Uhlich

- 2. Nightstick, PR24
 - a. James Startzman
- 3. Mace, Peppergas
 - a. Christopher Ecklund
 - b. Torrie James
- 4. Handcuff
 - a. Christopher Ecklund
 - b. Leon Spears
- 5. Security Guard Mandatory Training
 - a. David Asige
 - b. Don Brant
 - c. Ashley Calvert-Kirk
 - d. Christopher Ecklund
 - e. Robert Glaser
 - f. Justine Hackett
 - g. Gregory Kern
 - h. Job Lawson
 - i. Leonard Martinez
 - j. Wade Meadows
 - k. Thomas Miller
 - 1. Julia Moessner
 - m. Maria Perez
 - n. Robert Ross
 - o. Paul St. Germain
 - p. Kenneth Webb
 - q. David Woods

Ms. Anderson presented VI.A.-B, inclusive, for informational purposes only. No vote necessary.

VII. Old Business

- A. Professional Licensing
 - 1. Moral Turpitude SOP

Ms. Anderson informed the Board that Lt. Colonel Hudson had asked Lt. Reinbold to create an internal SOP regarding the Moral Turpitude charges. This has been completed and implemented.

2. Rule 4.0 Training Requirements

- Lt. Reinbold spoke regarding a meeting with Professional Licensing and DTCC Campus Test/Administrators where any issues or concerns with the mandatory training and testing were discussed. This is going to be a work in progress. There was positive feedback from the DTCC staff in attendance.
- Lt. Reinbold spoke that this is a trend of going to only instructors that will be teaching at their own agency and/or DTCC. Hopefully there will be more information at the next Board Meeting.
- Mr. Keller spoke about the liability of training individuals that are not going to be employed by his agency. He only teaches his employees at Bennett Security Agency.

Mr. Rainford entered the meeting @ 0950.

Ms. Anderson wanted to finish out VII. Old Business, therefore the agenda moved on to VII.A.3.

3. Firearms Training Sub-Committee

Ms. Anderson informed the Board that the Firearms Training Sub-Committee met and voted to rename the Committee to "Weapons & Force Committee".

Regarding Rule 2.0 – Repealed Shotgun and the armored card industry, it was the committee's recommendation be: "since only the employees inside the buildings will be trained to use the shotguns during a credible threat or genuine risk to life or to property, they do not need to be licensed. The licensed armored car guards that are actually on the trucks will not be using shotguns. The training records will be kept by the agency."

It was requested that this wording be reviewed by DAG Mims first and then bring it back to the January 2018 meeting.

Regarding Rule 3.0 Nightstick, PR24, Mace, Chemical Spray and Handcuffs, it was recommended that an amendment to the rule be drafted to transfer oversight of the instructors and certification to the agencies and/or individuals. Each Board would approve the weapons permitted to use/carry.

The meeting proceeded back to the beginning of the Agenda where voting was required.

II. Review and Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

A. July 25, 2017

Mr. Irwin, with a second by Mr. Keller, made a motion to approve the minutes from the 07/25/17 meeting as presented. The motion was carried.

III. Appeal Hearings & Other Actions

In accordance with 24 **Del. C.** Ch. 13 §1329(c)(3) Testimony before the Board shall be under oath.

A. Request Hearings

1. Carrie Martin – *Exhibit 1*.

Ms. Martin affirmed to tell the truth @ 0959 by answering "yes" and stating her name.

Ms. Anderson presented the background on Ms. Martin:

- o 05/23/17 Processed for security guard
- o Denied for CHRI:
 - 02/21/16 Shoplifting under \$1500 Guilty on 02/29/16
 - Report Available
- o 06/20/17 Requested hearing scheduled for 07/25/17
- o 07/21/17 Requested a continuation unable to get a ride to Dover and has a doctor's appointment
- o 07/25/17 Continuation Granted

Lt. Col. Hudson gave Ms. Martin a chance to tell what happened. She explained that she had gone out to dinner with a girlfriend, who had to pay for their dinner, as she did not have any money on her person. They then went shopping and her friend was carrying her purse, again no money. Ms. Martin's friend asked her to hold her own purse, the friend proceeded to leave, and when Ms. Martin went to leave, she was stopped for shoplifting.

Lt. Col. Hudson explained that the Board's hands are tied since this is a guilty conviction within the last seven years and that there is no flexibility with the decision.

The denial stands.

Ms. Martin left the meeting @ 1009.

2. Timothy L. Peters – Exhibit 2.

Mr. Peters affirmed to tell the truth @ 1010 by answering "yes" and stating his name.

Ms. Anderson presented the background on Ms. Martin:

- o 12/16/16 Processed for security guard
- o 07/01/17 Quarterly arrest report revealed pending charges:
 - 06/28/17 CCDW
 - 11/27/17 Case Review
 - 12/07/17 Trial

Lt. Col. Hudson informed Mr. Peters that since his case is still pending and there is a trial set for 12/07/17, anything that he says can be used in court. It was recommended that this hearing be continued after the court date, if necessary. Mr. Peters agreed to continue his hearing.

Mr. Peters is to contact Ms. Anderson, after he gets out of court, to inform her of the disposition of his charges.

Mr. Peters left the meeting @ 1012.

B. Notice of Emergency Suspension with Intent to Revoke

1. Zhakia T. Green

Ms. Anderson presented the facts regarding Ms. Zhakia T. Green as follows:

- 02/18/16 Processed for security guard
- 01/20/17 Quarterly arrest report revealed charge
 - \circ 10/05/16 Shoplifting under \$1500
 - 10/19/16 PBJ until 04/19/16
 - o 06/26/17 Guilty for non-compliance with PBJ conditions
- 01/25/17 Notified of Watch Status
- 06/27/17 Notified of Intent to Revoke
- 07/27/17 No hearing request by deadline

Mr. Irwin, with a second by Mr. Keller, made a motion to revoke B.1 as presented. The motion was carried.

2. Chyneara L. Williams

Ms. Anderson presented the facts regarding Ms. Chyneara L. Williams as follows:

- 12/14/12 Processed for security guard
- 07/01/17 Quarterly arrest report revealed pending charges:
 - 04/25/17 Assault Third
 - 07/31/17 Trial Guilty
- 08/01/17 Notified of Intent to Revoke
- 09/01/17 No hearing request by deadline

Mr. Irwin, with a second by Mr. Keller, made a motion to revoke B.2 as presented. The motion was carried.

IV. Licensures

Ms. Anderson presented the following agencies for approval. Mrs. Bingham has assured that all licensures, renewals, approvals and changes in Item IV have met all the statutory requirements for Delaware Code Title 24 Chapter 13 and the Rules & Regulations and have provided same to the Professional Licensing

Section. All renewals with no changes have been administratively approved for renewal licensure and are presented as FYI only.

- B. Class A Private Investigative Agency *New*
 - 1. Clements Global Services, LLC
 - a. License Holder Gaylen R. Clements

Mrs. Taylor, with a second by Mr. Rainford, made a motion to approve B.1, inclusive, as presented for new licensure. The motion was carried.

- ***C. Class A Private Investigative Agency Name Change***
 - 1. PT&C Forensic Consulting Services
 - a. Envista Forensics

Mr. Irwin, with a second by Mrs. Taylor, made a motion to approve C.1, inclusive, as presented for name change. The motion was carried.

- G. Class B Private Security Agency *New*
 - 1. PChange Protective Services
 - a. License Holder Andre Bonaparte
 - 2. Valensec International, Inc.
 - a. License Holder Timothy A. Frank
 - ***3. Vets Securing America***
 - a. License Holder Gerald A. Gregory

Mr. Irwin, with a second by Lt. Col. Hudson, made a motion to approved G.1-3, inclusive, for new licensure. The motion was carried.

- V. Rule 10.0 Uniforms, Patches, Badges, Seals, Vehicular Markings Handout
 - A. PChange Protective Services
 - 1. Patch
 - 2. Brochure
 - 3. Letterhead
 - B. T&B Investigations & Security Agency
 - 1. Patch
 - C. Valensec International, Inc.
 - 1. Uniform
 - 2. Badge
 - 3. Patch
 - ***D. Vets Security America***
 - 1. Badge
 - 2. Patch

3. Uniform

Mr. Irwin, with a second by Mr. Keller, made a motion to approve V.A-D, inclusive, as presented for approval. The motion was carried.

VII. Old Business

A. Professional Licensing

Professional Licensing did not have any further Old Business at this time.

B. Board Members

The Board members did not have any old business at this time.

C. Lieutenant Colonel

Lt. Colonel Hudson did not have any old business at this time.

VIII. New Business

A. Professional Licensing

1. Rule Amendments

Ms. Anderson explained that when 24 Del. C. Ch. 13 was amended it caused the need to amend the following rules.

a. Rule 7.0 Employment Notification – *Exhibit A*

Mrs. Taylor, with a second by Mr. Irwin, made a motion to approve A.1.a., Rule 7.0 as presented. The motion was carried.

b. Rule 8.0 Private Investigators – *Exhibit B*

Mr. Keller, with a second by Mr. Irwin, made a motion to approve A.1.b., Rule 8.0 as presented. The motion was carried.

c. Rule 9.0 Delaware Manager/License Holder – Exhibit C

Mr. Irwin, with a second by Mrs. Taylor, made a motion to approve A.1.c., Rule 9.0 as presented. The motion was carried.

d. Rule 11.0 Personnel Rosters and Job Assignments – Exhibit D

Mr. Irwin, with a second by Mrs. Taylor, made a motion to approve A.1.d., Rule 11.0 as presented. The motion was carried.

e. Rule 12.0 Record Book; Right of Inspection – *Exhibit E*

Mrs. Taylor, with a second by Mr. Keller, made a motion to approve A.1.e., Rule 12.0 as presented. The motion was carried.

f. Rule 13.0 Licensing Fees – Exhibit F

Mr. Rainford, with a second by Mr. Irwin, made a motion to approve A.1.f., Rule 13.0 as presented. The motion was carried.

Lt, Reinbold informed the Board that Mrs. Bingham has resigned and her last day is this Friday. Her duties will be taken over by Ms. Rutkowski.

B. Board Members

1. William G. Bush, IV

Ms. Anderson informed the Board that Mr. Bush's resignation was accepted by Governor Carney on 07/18/17.

The rest of the Board members did not have any new business at this time.

C. Lieutenant Colonel

Lt. Colonel Hudson went back to tracking the individuals' licenses to verify if they are valid, if this can be done by the officers on the road. This is a continuing work in progress. Lt. Reinbold will contact Mrs. Peggy Bell, DELJIS, to see what can be done to move closer to completing this project.

IX. Public Comment (At the discretion of the Board Chair)

There were not public in attendance at this point.

X. Adjournment

- A. Next Hearing/Meeting
 - 1. Thursday, January 25, 2018 @ 9:30am

Mr. Rainford, with a second by Mrs. Taylor, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1033 hours. The motion was carried.